

# The Parish of St Dunstan and St Jude

Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

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**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2021**  
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Sat 29 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Feria</i>	11.00am	Holy Mass	Mark Woodcock (RIP) Pro Populo
		11.30am-1.00pm	<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	
		11.30am-12.30pm 4.45-5.15pm	<i>Confessions Confessions</i>	
		5.30pm	Vigil Mass	Pat Porter (RIP)
Sun 30 <sup>th</sup>	<b>SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY</b>	9.15am ( <i>St Jude's</i> )	Holy Mass	Deceased members of Carney family
		10.30am	Holy Mass	Michael Collins (RIP)
		12noon	Holy Mass	Al Coughlan
		6.30pm	Holy Mass	Thomas Leydon (RIP)
Mon 31 <sup>st</sup>	<i>The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	9.30am	Holy Mass	Margaret O'Donahue
Tues 1 <sup>st</sup>	<i>St Justin</i>	10.00am ( <i>St Jude's</i> )	Holy Mass	Maureen Cody (Ints.)
		7.00pm	Holy Mass	Patrick Conaghan (RIP)
Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup>	<i>Feria</i>	9.30am	Holy Mass	Ann O'Sullivan (RIP)
Thurs 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<i>St Charles Lwanga</i>	7.00pm	Holy Mass	Charlie Leydon (RIP)
Fri 4 <sup>th</sup>	<i>St Boniface</i>	9.30am	Holy Mass	Denis Griffin and Sr Margaret Gabriel
		12 noon ( <i>St Jude's</i> )	Holy Mass	Pat Shortt (RIP)
		7.00pm	Holy Mass	Marion Hayes
Sat 5 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Feria</i>	11.00am	Holy Mass	Mary Wootton Pro Populo
		11.30am-1.00pm	<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and First Saturday devotions of Our Lady</i>	
		11.30am-12.30pm 4.45-5.15pm	<i>Confessions Confessions</i>	
		5.30pm	Vigil Mass	Daniel Campbell (Ints.)
Sun 6 <sup>th</sup>	<b>SOLEMNITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI</b>	9.15am ( <i>St Jude's</i> )	Holy Mass	Paul Collins (RIP)
		10.30am	Holy Mass	Mark Woodcock (RIP)
		12 noon	Holy Mass	Ann O'Sullivan (RIP)
		6.30pm	Holy Mass	Violeta Rubino (RIP)

**Today is Trinity Sunday.** Most of the feasts of the Church celebrate either people or events. People are celebrated in the observance of saint's days. These heroes of the Faith are honoured with feasts and commemorations to inspire us in living out the Faith as we invoke their intercession. Other feasts of the year celebrate events – Christmas, Easter, the Transfiguration, and last Sunday's feast of Pentecost - the commemoration of things that happened, moments in the story of salvation. However, Trinity Sunday today and next Sunday's Feast of Corpus Christi, commemorate doctrines, authentic teachings of the Church, which are held by the faithful as revealed truth.

Today we celebrate that God has not concealed but revealed himself. He has revealed himself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit – terms which speak of relationship. That God hasn't revealed himself as some distant deity - but as Father, as brother by adoption, as advocate and guide.

**The Lifting of Restrictions and Holy Mass.** As restrictions are lifted in a number of ways generally, the way we celebrate Mass will become more normalised. In some cases, we are also able to adjust seating to enlarge the capacity at Mass which has become more important in recent weeks. From today, at the Sunday Masses as well as on solemnities, there will be the epistle or second reading.

**As regards Holy Communion there are two changes:**

-The priest will now say to each person **'The body of Christ'** and we respond **'Amen'** and

**-The host can now be received on the tongue.** For those receiving in this way it will be easier - for those who are able - to kneel. It is important that the priest is able to place the host on the tongue without making physical contact (as he shouldn't do with the hand either) and kneeling will make this easier. There will be hand sanitiser for the priest to use if this does happen before he gives holy communion to the next person.

**The Masses on Sunday morning** both at St Jude's and St Dunstan's seem to be the most popular at the moment. There is usually spare capacity for those who wish for an evening Mass on either Saturday or Sunday at St Dunstan's. It's worth reiterating that when looking at Mass provision in this pandemic time, we do so as a whole parish rather than individual churches. The Mass schedule is constructed now, and will be in the future, so that one priest can cover when either one of the priests is away, or to help cover local parishes when there is a need. We are sure that we all understand the necessity of this in these challenging times, and when the number of priests is reduced.

**Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist.** At the moment there are usually two priests able to give Holy Communion at the larger Masses, and in recent weeks we've had the assistance of Deacon Michael from Oscott. It would, however, be useful to have some ministers of the eucharist we can use when either of

the priests aren't available for the distribution of Holy Communion. Could email the office if you are willing to do that, with the Mass you usually attend, so that we can build up a list.

**One of our Ministers of the Eucharist** – Denis Thomas – has for a number of years carried out this ministry at Moseley Hall Hospital. After a fruitful time visiting the sick there and taking holy communion on a Sunday, he is now retiring from this role. I know that many people of the years have valued his visits, along with Judith Latimer, and as a parish we thank him for his dedicated long service, and of bringing the Blessed Sacrament to the sick. It is a blessed ministry on behalf of the Lord who said: 'I was sick and you visited me.'

**Holy Communion to the sick and housebound.** Restrictions around us, due to the effectiveness of the vaccination programme are being gently lifted. There are a number of parishioners receiving the Blessed Sacrament at home again. If you or someone you know, would now like to resume this if you would let one of the priests know, or email the presbytery.

**Whilst at Mass.....please take note of the guidance below** to ensure that we make each other as safe as possible. We remember in our prayers those who are not with us due illness or because they are isolating. They are very much part of the prayers and the sacrifice we offer today.

- Please use hand sanitizer when arriving and leaving.
- Wear face coverings in church unless age (younger children) or medical conditions preclude this. Keep social distance at all times – especially being mindful when moving about for Holy Communion or leaving church.
- Please follow the one-way system around church.
- If you will not be receiving holy communion or coming forward for a blessing mention this to a steward and they will find you a seat where you won't block others in.
- Do not leave newsletters you have used in church, but always take them home with you.
- Remove face covering immediately before receiving Holy Communion in the hand and replace after receiving the Sacred Host.
- Do not gather in groups outside church with those outside your 'bubble' for conversation without keeping a good distance.

**We pray for those who have died recently:** Maureen Cody, Kathleen Mannion, Ann Dalton, Margaret McCarthy and Peter Murray.

**Baptisms:** If you had already booked a baptism that had to be postponed, could you get in touch as soon as possible to arrange a date. **For those who haven't been along for the preparation meeting, the next meeting (at which we will arrange baptism dates) is this Tuesday at 7.45pm in St Dunstan's church.**

**We pray for those who will be Baptised today:** Raina Johnson at St Dunstan's.

**Easter Garden.** A huge thank you to all who contributed plants for the garden which has now been dismantled. Most plants have been collected from the main entrance but there are a couple of plants remaining. If these are your plants, please could you collect these this week.

**First Saturday Devotions** next Saturday after morning Mass.

**The Pentecost edition of the diocesan publication *The Sower*** is available from both churches as you leave Mass today and online from <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/diocesan-magazine>

**Little Lambs Parent and Toddlers** met on Fridays at 10.15am in the Conference Room during term time. Now that restrictions are being lifted, it would be great to be able to re-start this group. Helpers are needed with different jobs such as setting up the room beforehand and tidying away afterwards. If you would be interested in helping in any way, please email Nikki Steward on [nikz.stew@gmail.com](mailto:nikz.stew@gmail.com)

**The next issue of WINDOW, the Parish magazine is being prepared.** Please send items for inclusion to [robertwilcher@btinternet.com](mailto:robertwilcher@btinternet.com) or 179 Alcester Road South, B14 6DD. One topic will be about how people's experience of lockdown has affected the practice of their faith. Pieces can be brief so we can use comments to form a collage. DEADLINE is 20<sup>th</sup> June.

**Parish Working Group.** Would you be interested in volunteering in the Parish, at either St Dunstan's or St Jude's, by doing a few simple maintenance jobs or some gardening work? If so, please leave your name and phone number at the Parish office.

**Queen Elizabeth and Birmingham Women's Hospitals and St Mary's Hospice.** If you know that you (or a family member or friend in the parish) will be going to hospital for significant treatment, it is best to have confession with anointing of the sick before you/they go into hospital as these sacraments are not readily available during a hospital stay. **There is a cover rota provided by some priests from the local parishes. Such visits are arranged from the hospital, however, so that the priest on call will be allowed admission.**

**Walsingham Pilgrimage Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> - Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2021.** £170 for a standard room with shared bathroom. £200 for an en-suite room. The cost includes transport and accommodation with breakfast and dinner. A non-refundable deposit of £20 is required to secure your place and the remaining balance must be paid in full by **Friday August 20<sup>th</sup>**. Payments can be made by cash or cheque (please make cheques payable to 'St Dunstan's Church').

Payments in an envelope marked 'Walsingham' with your name, address and contact number. Please let Isabel O'Connell know if you have any special requirements e.g. diet or mobility. The pilgrimage was originally organised in 2020 but was postponed as a result of the COVID pandemic. As a result, all of the places have been allocated however it is possible that a small number of rooms may become available. If you would like to be placed on a waiting list, contact Isabel O'Connell on 07758004306.

**Pray for Peace in the Holy Land.** Al Ahli Hospital, supported by the Amos Trust, is in the centre of Gaza City and treats over 45,000 patients each year. If you would like to make a donation to the work of the hospital in these distressing times, please go to: <https://www.amostrust.org/palestinejustice/partners/al-ahli-hospital-gaza/>

*Lord, we thank you for all the people involved in the negotiations to bring about the ceasefire and to deescalate the mounting violence. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers.*

**Vacancy for Lay Chaplain at St Paul's School for Girls.** For more information, please visit the school website [www.stpaulgl.bham.sch.uk](http://www.stpaulgl.bham.sch.uk) The closing date for applications is on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> June at 12 noon.

#### COLLECTIONS

	St Dunstan's	St Jude's
Gift Aid	£ 945.00	£ 45.50
Non-Gift Aid	£ 768.60	£ 140.15

**The Parish Office** will be open from 9.00am until 5.00pm on Wednesday and Friday each week. In order to minimise the number of people in the office and for the safety of those at work, until further notice we ask you to observe the following:

*If you need to see the Parish Administrator or one of the Priests:* we would ask that you phone or email in advance, so that an appointment can be arranged at a convenient time for both. You will not be invited in the office unless you have a re-arranged appointment.

*If you have an enquiry:* please phone or email first to see if it can be sorted in this way.

*For those wishing to book Mass intentions:* please bring a sealed envelope clearly labelled with the intention details (person's name, required date etc) and include the offering inside. This can then be handed in at the office and if requested a Mass card be signed and given.

**Becoming Catholic?** Two or three people have mentioned the possibility of instruction in the faith. If anyone is interested, could you email the presbytery or speak to Fr Philip or Fr John. For those who desire to be baptised or received into the Catholic Church there will be an expectation of attendance at Sunday Mass at St Dunstan's or St Jude's as well as the instructions. If there is sufficient interest, we will hope to begin shortly depending on the schedules for the easing of restrictions.

## READINGS FOR SUNDAY MASS

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**FIRST READING**      *Deuteronomy 4:32-34,39-40*

Moses said to the people: 'Put this question to the ages that are past, that went before you, from the time God created man on earth: Was there ever a word so majestic, from one end of heaven to the other? Was anything ever heard? Did ever a people hear the voice of the living God speaking from the heart of the fire, as you heard it, and remain alive? Has any god ventured to take to himself one nation from the midst of another by ordeals, signs, wonders, war with mighty hand and outstretched arm, by fearsome terrors – all this that the Lord your God did for you before your eyes in Egypt?

'Understand this today, therefore, and take it to heart: the Lord is God indeed, in heaven above as on earth beneath, he and no other. Keep his laws and commandments as I give them to you today, so that you and your children may prosper and live long in the land that the Lord your God gives you for ever.'

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**R:** Happy the people the Lord has chosen as his own.

The word of the Lord is faithful  
and all his works to be trusted.  
The Lord loves justice and right  
and fills the earth with his love. **R:**

By his word the heavens were made,  
by the breath of his mouth all the stars.  
He spoke; and they came to be.  
He commanded; they sprang into being. **R:**

The Lord looks on those who revere him,  
on those who hope in his love,  
to rescue their souls from death,  
to keep them alive in famine **R:**

Our soul is waiting for the Lord.  
The Lord is our help and our shield.  
May your love be upon us, O Lord,  
and we place all our hope in you. **R:**

### SECOND READING

*Romans 8:14-17*

Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son of God. The spirit you received is not the spirit of slaves bringing fear into your lives again; it is the spirit of sons, and it makes us cry out, 'Abba, Father!' The Spirit himself and our spirit bear united witness that we are children of God. And if we are children, we are heirs as well: heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, sharing his sufferings so as to share his glory.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; the God who is, who was, and who is to come.

**Alleluia!**

### GOSPEL READING

*Matthew 28:16-20*

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him, they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

### CAFOD LIVE SIMPLY AWARD

As part of our bid for the award, the three parish Primary Schools and Bishop Challoner College are inviting pupils and their families to undertake three half-term holiday activities, based on Pope Francis's model of See-Judge-Act. As parishioners, we can also rise to the challenge of living Simply and Sustainably and in Solidarity with those in poverty by taking part. We can record our responses to the three activities below on the parish's Facebook or Twitter.

**SEE** go for a walk and take a photo.

**REFLECT** pray with Pope Francis' *Laudato Si*.

**ACT** turn something old into something new.

Why not pause and share in these moments together? Take a picture and share on our Parish social media pages.